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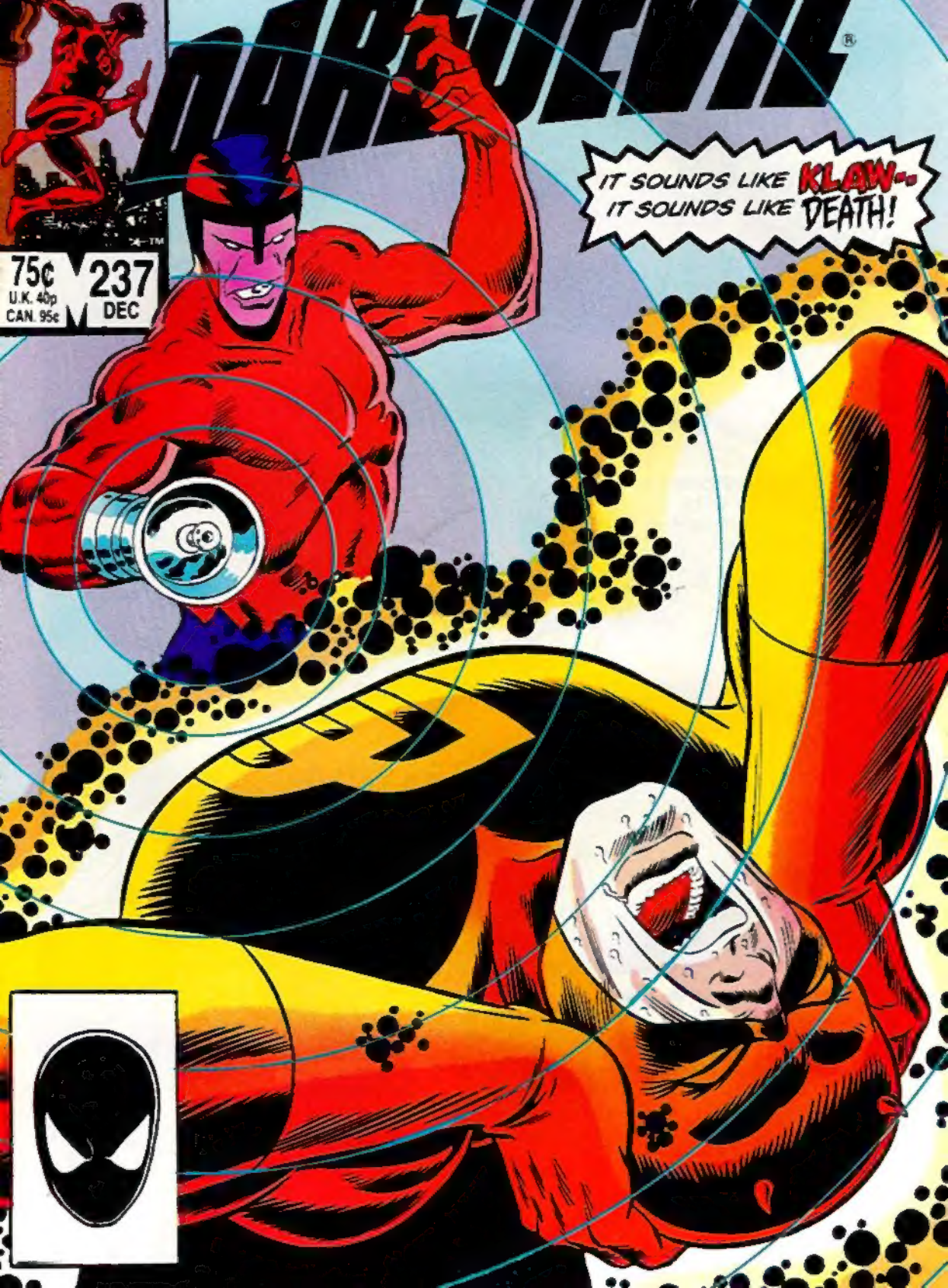


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DAREDEVIL

IT SOUNDS LIKE **KLAW**--
IT SOUNDS LIKE **DEATH!**



MY NAME IS MATT
MURDOCK. THIS IS
WHAT MY WORLD
LOOKS LIKE.

I'M BLIND.

BUT DON'T LET IT WORRY
YOU. IT DOESN'T WORRY
ME. OUT OF ALL THE
THINGS THAT HAVE WORRIED
ME LATELY, BLINDNESS
IS NOTHING AT ALL.

IN FACT, BLINDNESS--AND THE
RADIATION THAT CAUSED IT--
HAVE MADE MY OTHER
SENSES... WELL, SUPER-
HUMAN!

AND THEY
MADE ME

DAREDEVIL

THERE'S JUST ONE THING
ABOUT BLINDNESS--ONE
THING I'VE ONLY JUST
SEEN.

IF THIS'S WHAT YOUR
WORLD LOOKS LIKE--
YOU LIVE IN A VERY
BLACK WORLD!

CONTEXT!

THANK GOD MY WORLD
FEELS LIKE THIS!

IT'S
DAREDEVIL!
HE'S FOUND
US!

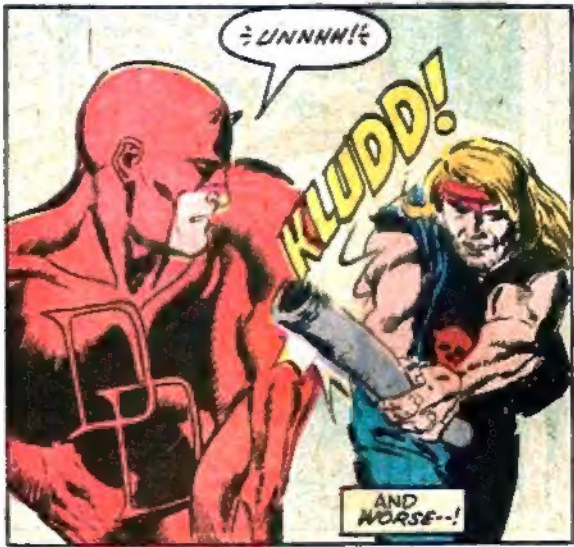
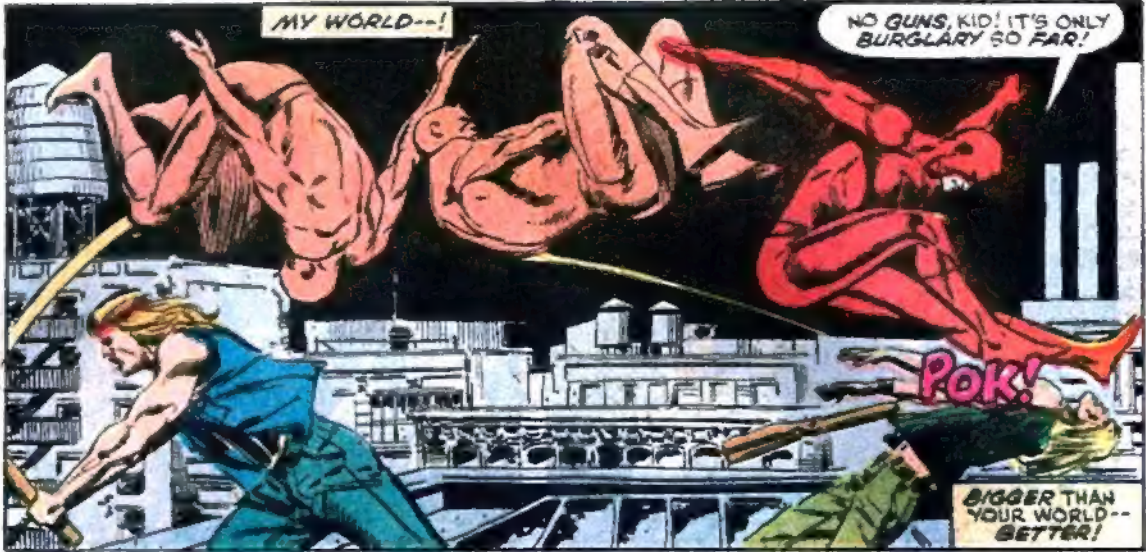
KRAK!

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WASTE
HIM,
JERZO!







GET UP IF YOU WANT TO! IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME!

BUT ONLY IF YOU REALLY WANT TO--



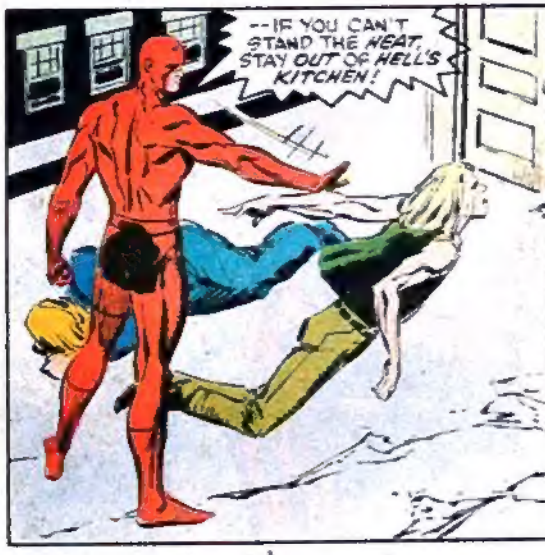
OKAY, DD. OKAY! NO HASSLE HERE!

THE WORD WAS AROUND YOU WAS PLAYIN' HARDBALL--

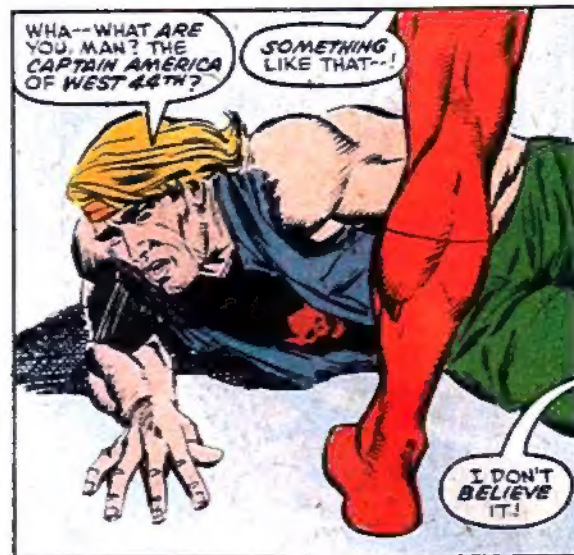


LISTEN TO ME! YOUR KIND INFESTS THIS CITY! IF I RAN ACROSS YOU ANYWHERE, I'D STOP YOU, BUT ESPECIALLY WEST OF TIMES SQUARE!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS-- WHEN YOU GET OUT--



--IF YOU CAN'T STAND THE HEAT, STAY OUT OF HELL'S KITCHEN!



WHA--WHAT ARE YOU, MAN? THE CAPTAIN AMERICA OF WEST 44TH?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT--!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



DAREDEVIL, WE NEED TO TALK--!

SHE CAN'T WEAR PERFUME IN HER BUSINESS. DOESN'T MATTER -- SHE MOVES AS IF SHE DOES!

THE BLACK WIDOW!



THE KIDS ARE EASILY DISPOSED OF. THEY'LL BE BACK ON THE STREETS IN NO TIME.

BUT MAYBE NOT MY STREETS!

...NOW, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, TASHA?

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU SO SOON AFTER THE HAZZARD AFFAIR.



YOU KNOW ME, MATT-- I ALWAYS BOUNCE BACK.

IT'S YOU I WAS WORRIED ABOUT. I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE TALKING ABOUT IT, BUT THINGS I HEARD...

WHAT DID YOU HEAR?



DISBARMENT---! DEGRADATION---!

A BREAKDOWN...!



THAT HAPPENED TO MATT MURDOCK. NOT DAREDEVIL-- SO FAR AS THE WORLD KNOWS, DAREDEVIL TURNED BRUTAL FOR A WHILE--WENT AWAY FOR A WHILE--BUT STUCK IT TO THE KINGPIN IN THE END.

STUCK IT TO HIM GOOD!

MATT-- YOU AND DAREDEVIL AREN'T TWO PEOPLE!



I KNOW THAT, TASHA! I'M JUST SAYING THAT THE WORLD DOESN'T!

DON'T WORRY, I'M GAY NOW. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, BUT--



--REALLY, I WON! I DIDN'T LOSE A THING I REALLY NEEDED!



LISTEN, TASHA,
I'M HAPPY NOW.

YOU
WORK IN
A DINER!

IT'S HONEST WORK--AND
SATISFYING TO A MAN
WITH MY SENSE OF
SMELL!

WHAT ARE
YOU, SECRET
AGENT NATASHA
ROMANOVA OF
STALINGRAD--
A BORN-AGAIN
YUPPIE?

I SIMPLY CANNOT BELIEVE
A MAN OF YOUR ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS CAN FIND THE CHALLENGE
OF COOKING HAMBURGERS EIGHT
HOURS A DAY SATISFYING!

I DO, THOUGH! AND WHEN THOSE
EIGHT HOURS ARE UP, I CAN GO BACK
TO MY FLAT HERE, IN THE NEIGHBOR-
HOOD WHERE I GREW UP--TO KAREN!

YES!

YOU NEEDN'T LOOK AT
ME NOW, MATT! I WISH
YOU ONLY JOY WHEN IT
COMES TO KAREN PAGE!

I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN YOU
TURNED TO ME ON THE
REBOUND FROM HER!*

THAT'S
NOT TRUE!

TRUE OR
FALSE I HAVE
NO CLAIM ON
YOU, ROMANTI-
CALLY! BUT AS
A FRIEND--
A FELLOW
ADVENTURER--

DD#81-
124.-R.

--I'VE BROUGHT YOU A PROPOSITION! YOU
AND I KNOW THE VAST MISERY CAUSED BY
ILLICIT DRUGS--AND YOU MUST KNOW OF
THE DRUG-TESTING PROGRAMS INITIATED
IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS.

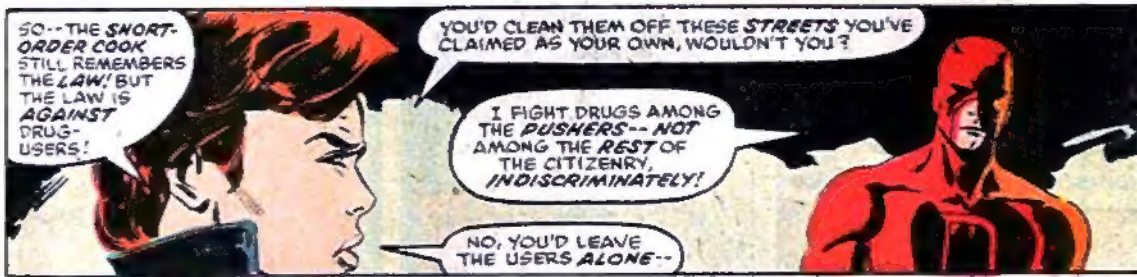
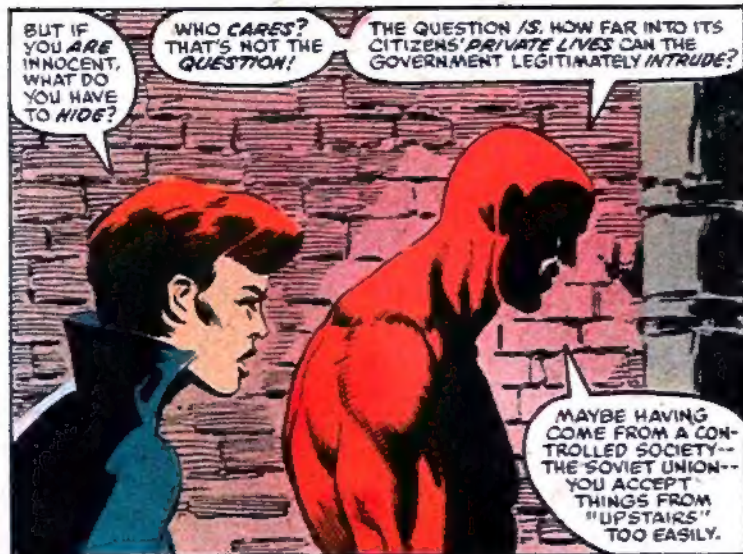
AS IDOLS TO TEENAGERS, THEY
MUST PROVE THEMSELVES
DRUG-FREE.

I KNOW
ABOUT THAT.

TASHA-- ARE
YOU OUT OF YOUR
MIND?

WELL, A FRIEND OF MINE IN
WASHINGTON HAS HAD AN
EVEN BETTER IDEA! BARBARA
WHALEN, THE WIFE OF THE FLORIDA
SENATOR, SUGGESTS THAT SOME
OF US FROM THE SPANDEX SET WHO
HAVE A CERTAIN PUBLIC RECOG-
NITION-- IF NOT TRUE CELEBRITY
STATUS-- COULD MAKE A PUBLIC
STATEMENT AS WELL.

I TOLD HER I'D LEAD
SUCH AN EFFORT, AND
I THOUGHT--AFTER
YOUR RECENT BOUT
OF BAD PUBLICITY--
YOU COULD JOIN ME!



CRACKS ABOUT KAREY ARE OFF LIMITS!



KAREY'S
CLEAN!

IT'S BEEN EXCRUCIATING FOR HER, GETTING OFF JUNK!
WORSE THAN MY RECOVERING MY BALANCE, BECAUSE
SHE ALWAYS KNEW HOW TO END HER PAIN!



ONE SNOT
AND GONE!

BUT SHE
HELD OUT!

SHE
WON!

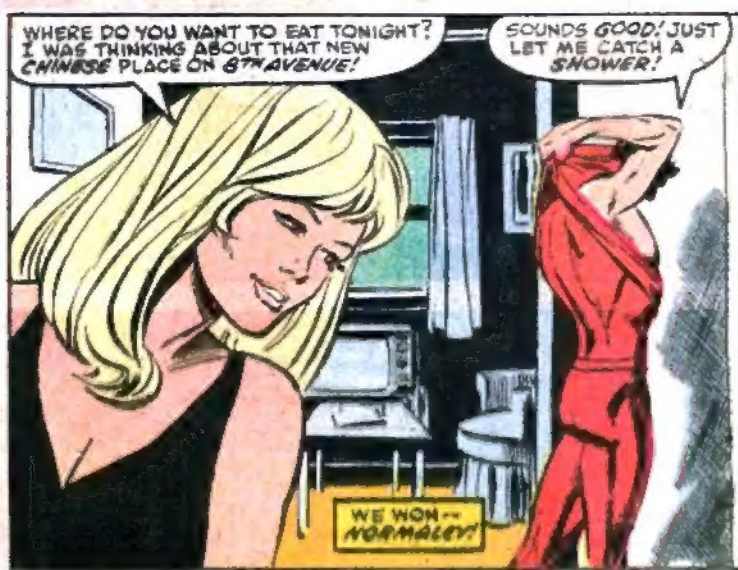


WE
WON!



WHERE DO YOU WANT TO EAT TONIGHT?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT NEW
CHINESE PLACE ON 8TH AVENUE!

SOUNDS GOOD! JUST
LET ME CATCH A
SHOWER!



WE WON--
NORMALEY!



WHAT A DIPLOMAT YOU ARE, NATALIA ROMANOVA! FIRST YOU IMPUGN HIS SANITY, THEN HIS PATRIOTISM, AND THEN HIS WOMAN!

THUS DOES THE BLACK WIDOW LEARN WHY SHE PREFERS TO WORK FROM THE BACKS OF EMBASSIES!



BUT HE ALWAYS FINDS A WAY TO PROVOKE ME! ALWAYS!

WHO COULD HAVE DREAMED WE'D HAVE AN OBJECTION TO MY PLAN? I WAS TRYING TO HELP HIM!



I HOPE HE REALLY DOESN'T NEED MY HELP--!



YES--THIS IS PERSON-TO-PERSON, TO BARBARA WHALEN, PLEASE.

TASHA ROMANOVA!



GEORGETOWN...

TASHA! HOW DID IT GO?

HE WHAT?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?



'FRAID SO, BARBARA! HE CALLED IT "UN-AMERICAN"!

TASHA, AM I THE WAVE OF A UNITED STATES SENATOR, AN' RANDY TELLS ME THIS STATEMENT FROM SUPER HEROES IS ESSENTIAL! NOW DOES THAT SOUND UN-AMERICAN TO YOU?



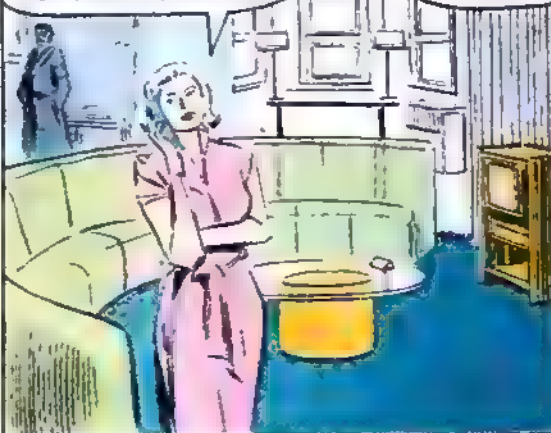
DO YOU WANT TO GO PUBLIC WITH JUST MY ENDORSEMENT?

OH, NO, DARLIN'! PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME, BUT I THINK WE NEED A MAN TO COMPLEMENT YOU!

WHAT?

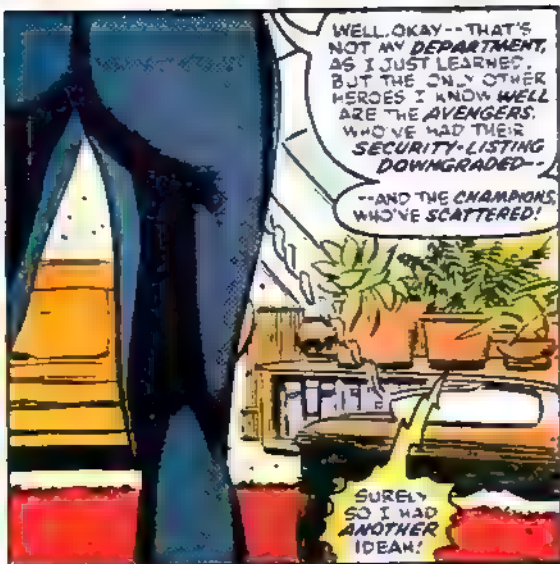
THIS WILL BE A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN, TAGHA--JUST LIKE AN ELECTION! AND AS MUCH AS YOU AN' I MIGHT DEPEND ON PEOPLE STILL WANT TO SEE A MAN AND A WOMAN TOGETHER!

IT WORKS BOTH WAYS! RANDY NEEDS ME BE-
SIDE HIM,
SMILIN' UP
AT HIM!

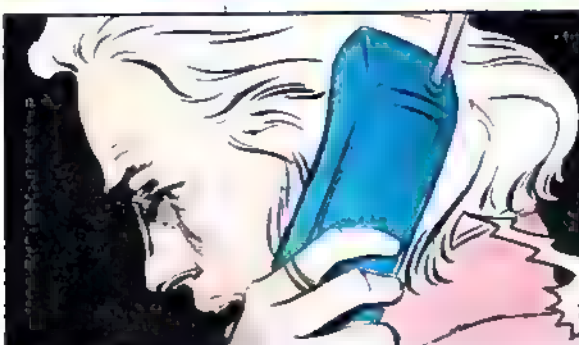


WELL, OKAY--THAT'S NOT MY DEPARTMENT, AS I JUST LEARNED, BUT THE ONLY OTHER HEROES I KNOW WELL ARE THE AVENGERS, WHO'VE HAD THEIR SECURITY LISTING DOWNGRADED--

--AND THE CHAMPIONS WHO'VE SCATTERED!



SURELY SO I HAD ANOTHER IDEA!



YOU'RE A FREELANCE ESPIONAGE AGENT! YOU MUST HAVE SOME CONTACTS IN CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHO COULD PUT YOU WISE TO THE DRUG TRAFFICKIN' BUSINESS

AND WHILE YOU'RE DOIN' THAT, AH'LL LOOK FOR ANOTHER, ACCEPTABLE HERO ON MY OWN!

THAT'S A THOUGHT!



YES, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE I N' SH' GET N' TOUCH WITH AND FOR A CAUSE LIKE THIS, I WILL

BLESS YOU, DARLIN'! AH'N SO GLAD WE GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER THAT WINTER IN MIAMI!

KEEP ME INFORMED!



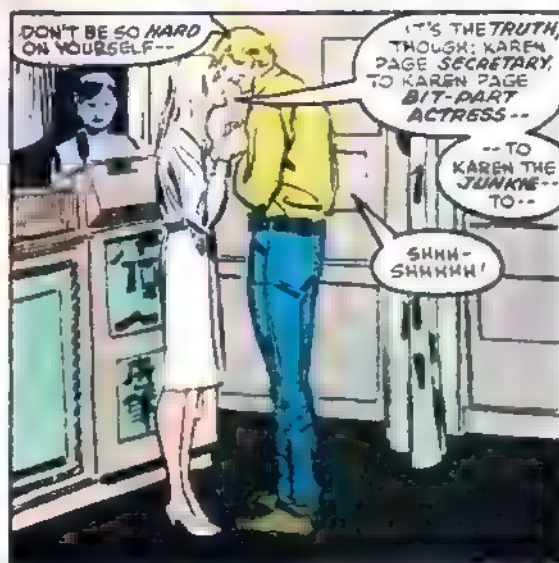
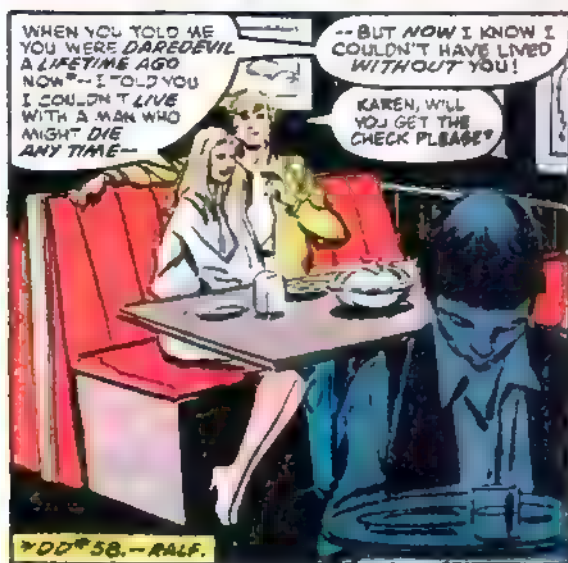
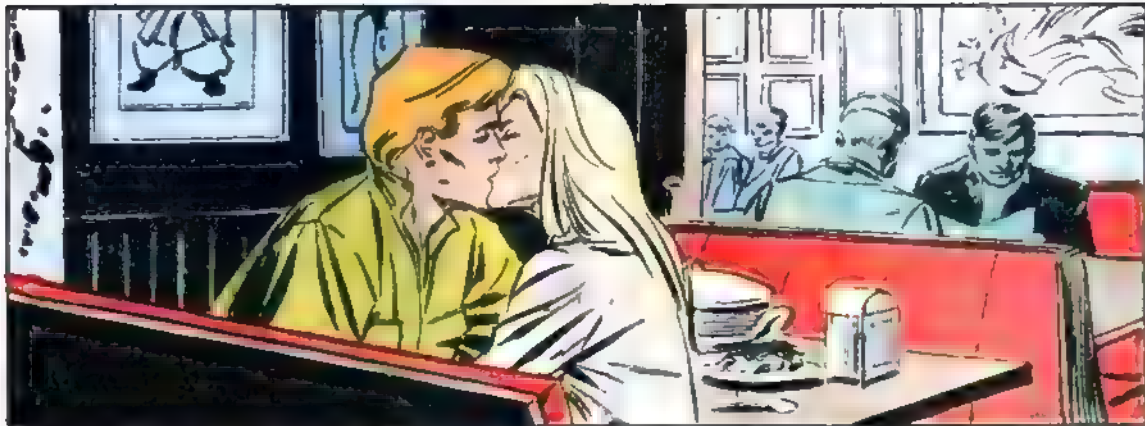
IF ONLY THINGS WERE GOING AS SMOOTHLY BETWEEN ME AND A CERTAIN FEARLESS ADVENTURER

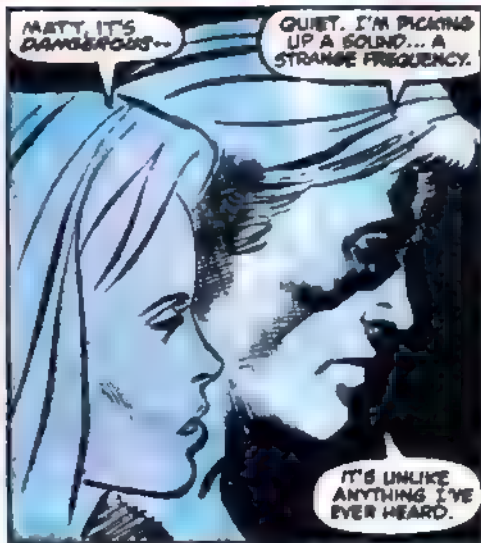
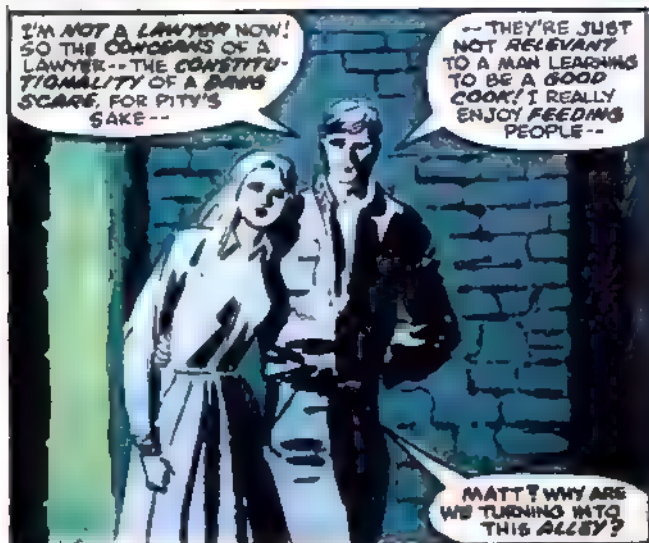
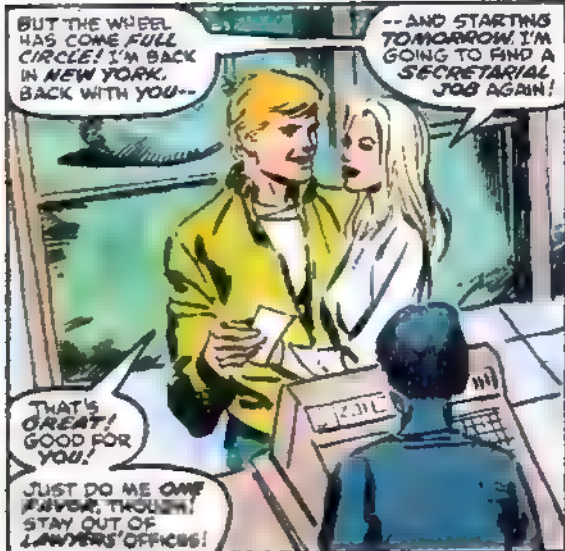
AH, MATT--WE NEVER MEET AT THE RIGHT TIME, DO WE--?

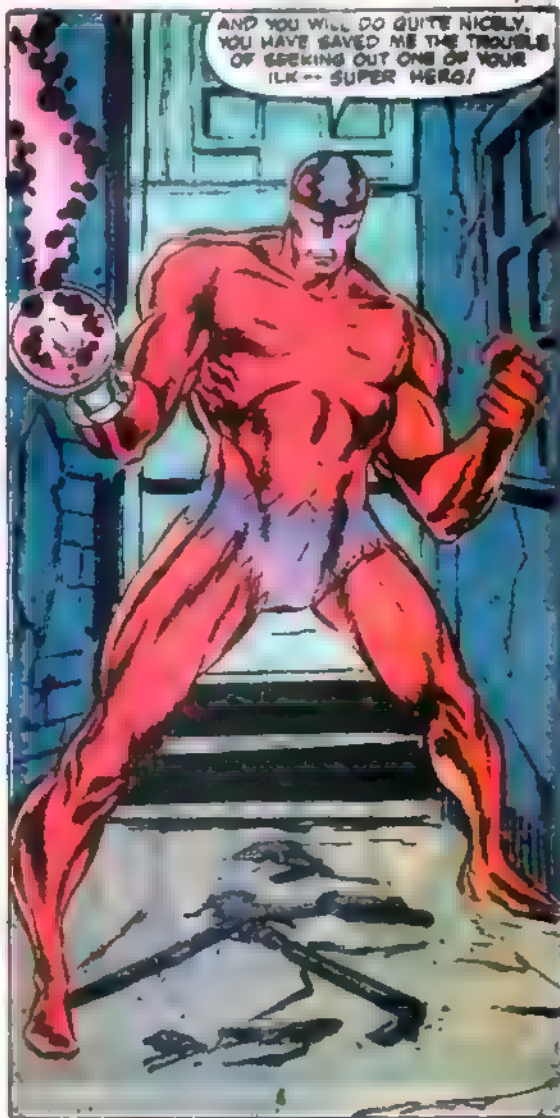


YES, DARLIN'--WE NEED A MAN AND A WOMAN TOGETHER--AH! IT WORKS BOTH WAYS!

RANDY NEEDS A WORSHIPFUL WIFE--AN AH NEED A U.S. SENATOR--!

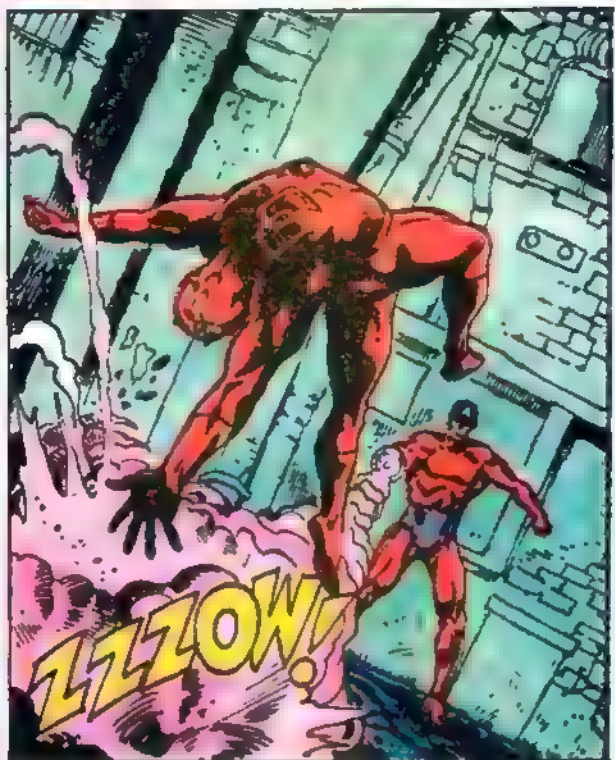
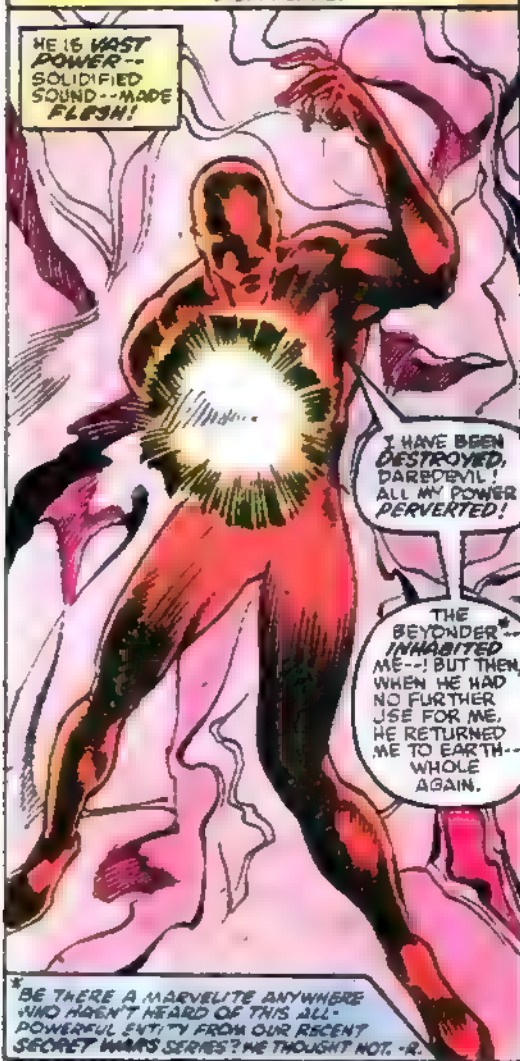


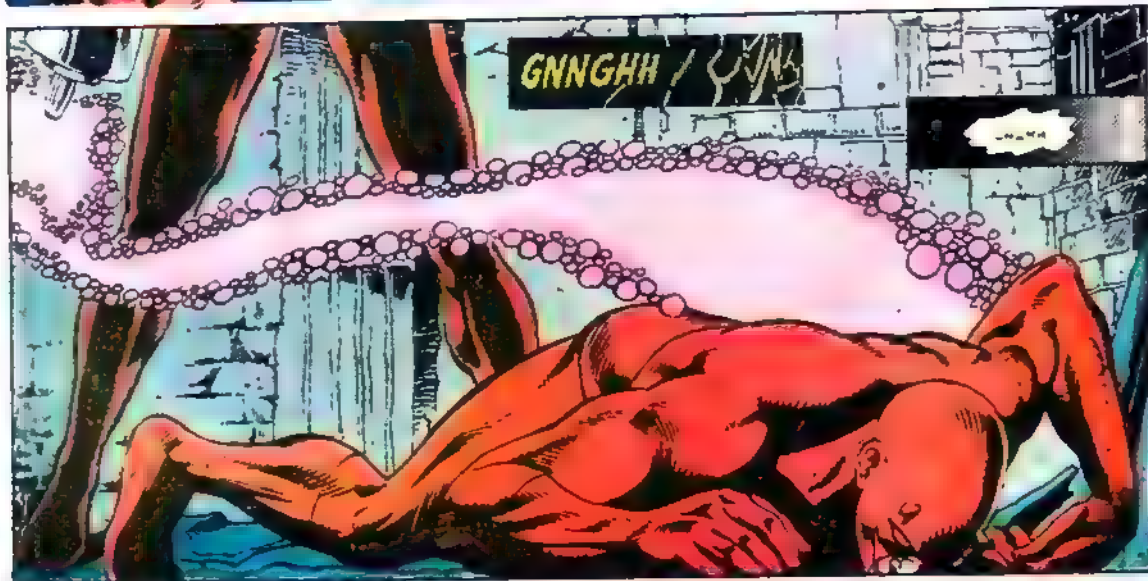
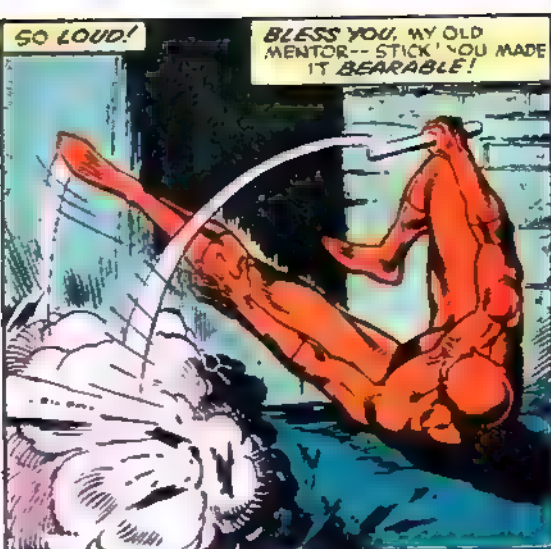






THE BLACK PANTHER DESCRIBED KLAU TO ME. HE'S BEEN ON SOME MISSION OF REVENGE AGAINST THE PANTHER FOR YEARS, BUT RECENTLY, HE DISAPPEARED.





SOUND'S SOLID, ALL RIGHT--!

CHOW!

TAKES ITS TOLL--!

I WANT YOU, DAREDEVIL!
I MUST REGAIN MY
REPUTATION AS A
FORCE TO BE FEARED!

AAAH!
JOIN THE
CLUB!

I MUST PROVE
I'M NOT MAD
ANY MORE!

NO TRESPASS

IF YOU WANT ME
KLAU, YOU'LL HAVE
TO CATCH ME IN
AN AREA LESS
CONFINED!

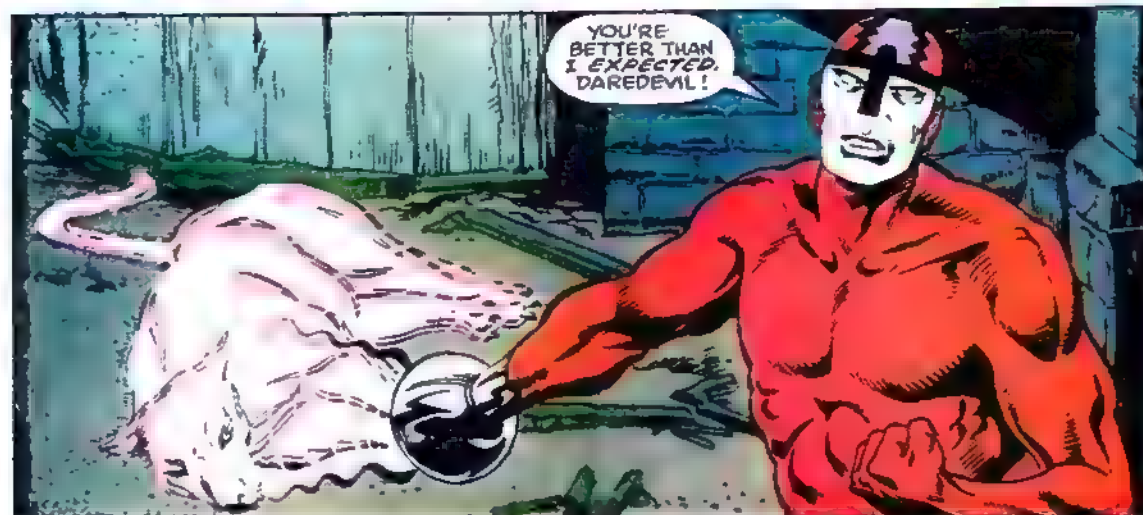
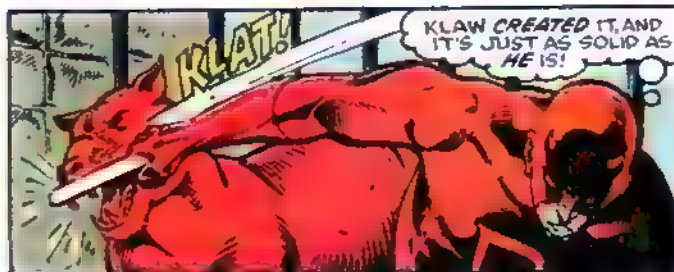
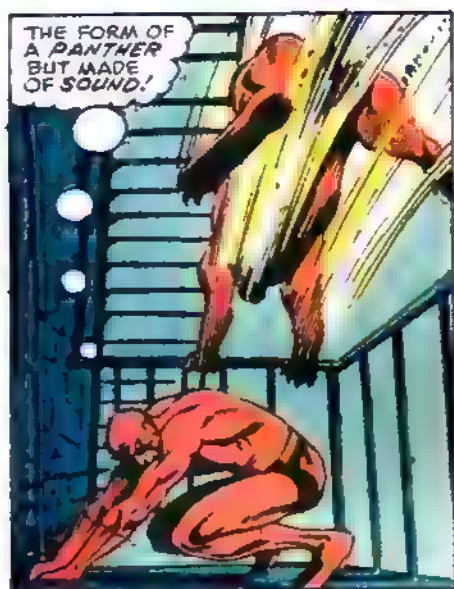
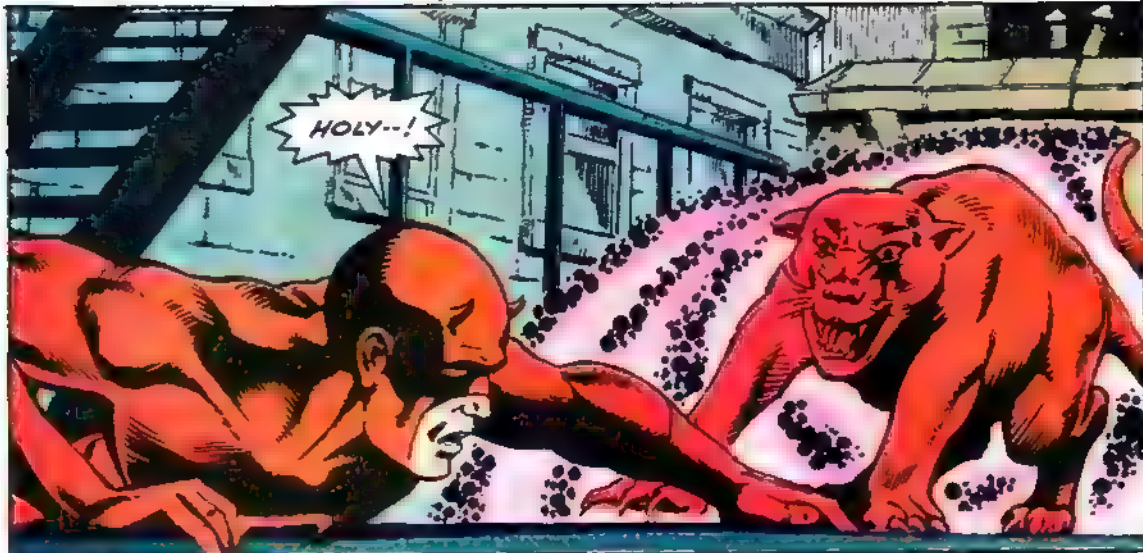
WISH I KNEW MORE
ABOUT HIM-- LIKE
WHY HE'S TRYING
TO KILL ME!
COULD MY FRIEND-
SHIP WITH THE
PANTHER HAVE
SOMETHING TO
DO WITH IT, OR
IS HE JUST
ATTACKING THE
FIRST COSTUMED
CHARACTER
HE SEES?

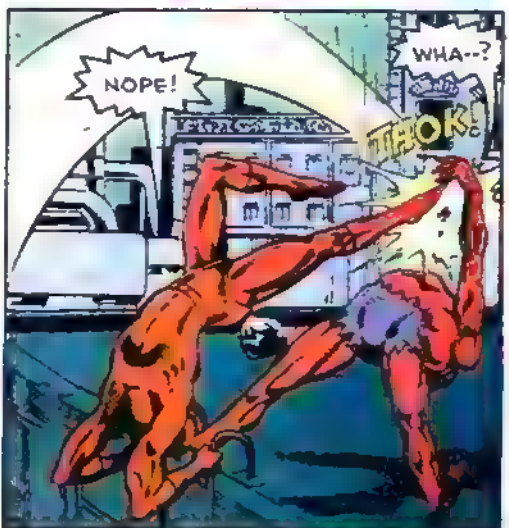
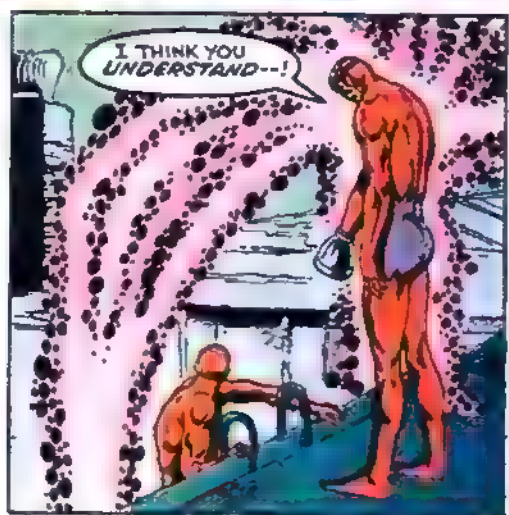
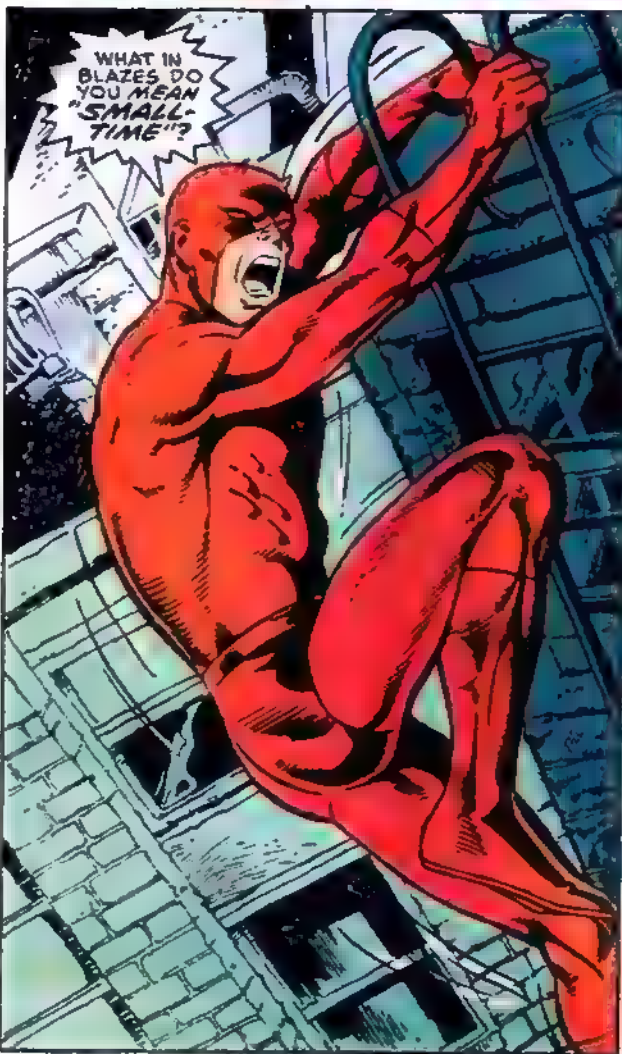
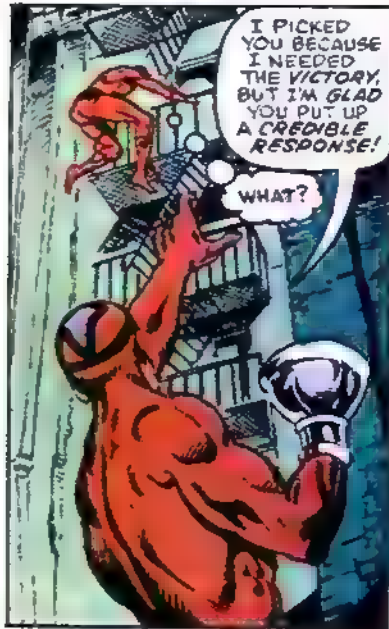
REGARDLESS,
THE ONLY WAY
I EVER HEARD
TO BEAT HIM
WAS WITH THE
PANTHER'S
AFRICAN METAL--
VIBRANIUM,
TO ABSORB
HIS SOUND!

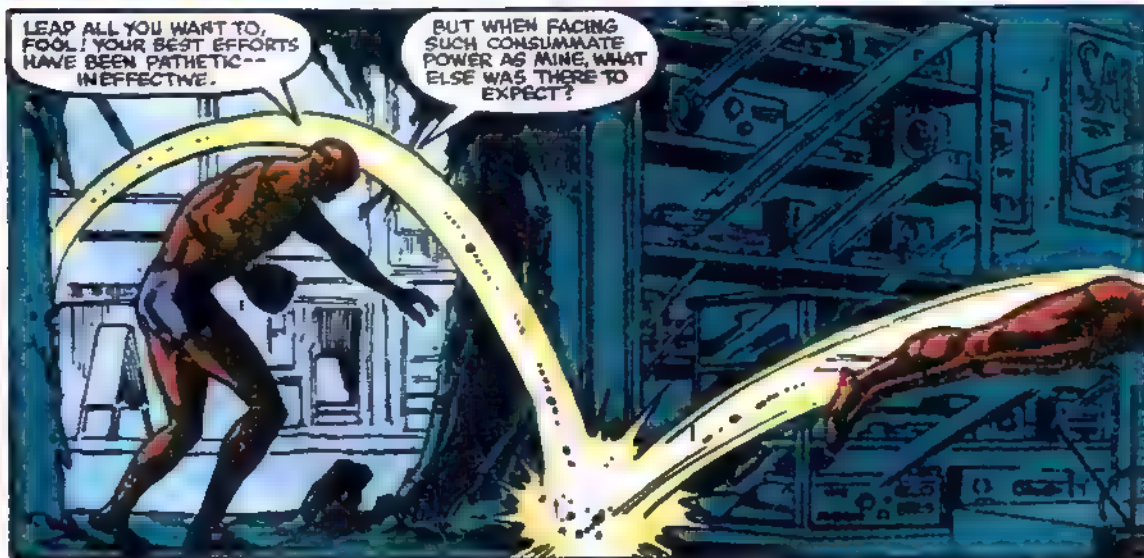
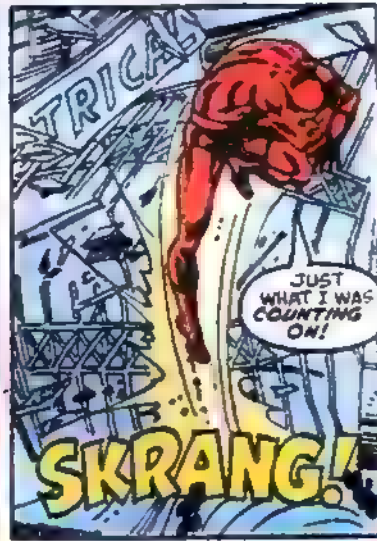
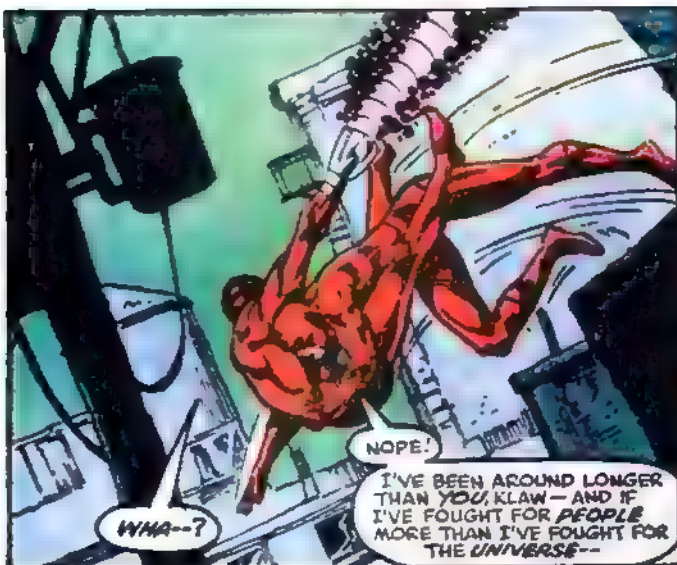
TZANG!

AND
PRONE TO
ECHOES!
NEED TIME
TO THINK!

LUCKY
ME WE
DON'T STOCK
THE ELEMENT
VIBRANIUM
IN MELL'S
KITCHEN!









NEVERTHELESS, YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT, DAREDEVIL-- YOUR UNQUENCHABLE DESIRE FOR VICTORY!

BUT NOW YOU BEGIN TO ANNOY ME! WAIT-- WHAT IS THAT TOY YOU HOLD WHICH I CAN BARELY DISCERN IN THE DARKNESS?

IT'S CALLED A TONE GENERATOR, KLAW. AND IT SETS UP A STEADY PULSE OF SONIC VIBRATION.

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS ADJUST IT TO THE PROPER FREQUENCY--



-- LIKE SO!

EEEEEEEE

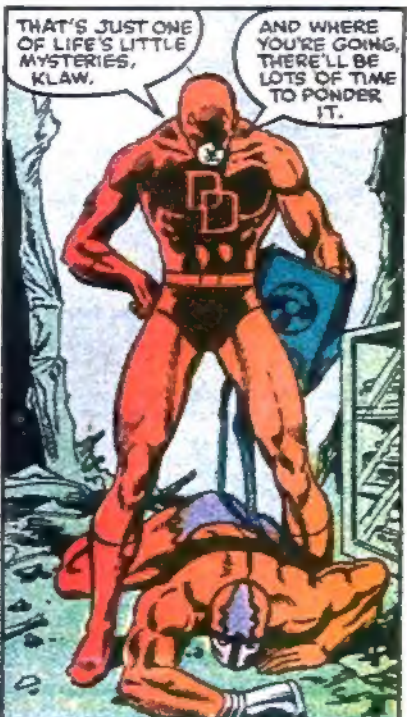


"AND IT TEMPORARILY DISRUPTS THE FREQUENCY YOU'RE VIBRATING AT."

BUT-- HOW COULD YOU KNOW WHICH ONE THAT IS--?

HOW COULD YOU HEAR--

HOW COULD YOU HEAR?



THAT'S JUST ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE MYSTERIES, KLAW.

AND WHERE YOU'RE GOING, THERE'LL BE LOTS OF TIME TO PONDER IT.



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Dear Ralph,

DAREDEVIL #229 blew me away! This, of course, is nothing unusual because since I started reading the Miller Mazzucchelli works of art, I've been blown away every month. This issue was exceptionally satisfying, though, because it seems that there is finally hope for Matt again. Maybe now he can get back on his feet and put the Kingpin away for good. I am anxiously awaiting the next round of the Daredevil-Kingpin fight.

The art in this issue was fantastic as usual. The writing was great, too. This combination makes DAREDEVIL a pleasure to read every month. Keep up the great work! I'm leaving now to camp out in front of the comic store to buy DAREDEVIL #230 and be blown away again.

John S. Voecamp
Houstar, TX

Wow, John, thanks a lot for your kind words. We hope it doesn't hurt too much when you are blown away. We try not to injure our readers with our comics.

Dear DAREDEVIL creative team,

DAREDEVIL #229 really hurt. From the cover to the final page, it assaulted my senses with varying degrees of fear and pity. Worst of all, though, was that I was only able to watch helplessly while Matt's life went uncontrollably down the tubes. By seeing all of this, I am firmly convinced that Frank Miller is one of the premiere writers in current comicdom. I am truly looking forward to next issue.

Astro Orten
Somewhere in Kentucky

Dear guys,

The difference between a good comic and a great comic is whether or not the supporting characters can carry the book for at least one issue without the star.

What does this make DAREDEVIL? Outstanding! I sometimes want to read the book for the supporting characters more than for Matt. Just avoid putting Foggy in a skin-tight suit, okay? That would worry me.

James C. Taylor
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Thanks for your comments, James. But hey, don't worry about Foggy. We don't think that he would look too good in Daredevil's costume either.

Dear Frank and Dave,

I've just read DAREDEVIL #229 and I felt immediately compelled to write. I can't really describe what I'm feeling right now. Sadness and joy are both running through me simultaneously. No comic has ever made me feel this way before. You guys should all give yourselves pats on the back for a job well done.

Since the whole saga began, I have felt increasingly worse for Daredevil. I must admit that it is hardly pleasurable to sit down and read about the destruction of one of your favorite heroes, but the masterful way that it was presented by Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli made it worthwhile.

While reading this issue, I was hoping that Daredevil's plight would finally take a turn for the better. This hope has now been answered with the nun finding Daredevil at the end of the story. It is hard to describe the happiness that I felt at this point. It makes me even more anxious for the next issue to come out.

I now fear for Karen's well-being, though. I hope that she can somehow get out of the situation that she is presently in. See what you can do, okay guys? You are doing a great job with the book. Thank you for making my trip to the comic store every month especially worthwhile.

Kelly Macnamara
Cleveland, OH

Dear Frank, Dave, Max, Joe and Ralph,

I have just finished reading DAREDEVIL #229 and find myself very depressed over poor Matt's life. It appears that he is hurt, mentally lost, and considered a pariah. Why doesn't he go to Peter Parker instead of wandering around aimlessly. Peter needs the company and Matt needs the sympathy. Is Matt's life going to be spiritually cleansed soon? I certainly hope so. It would only increase the originality of DAREDEVIL.

Mark Lamont
2025 McKenzie Ave.
Comox, B.C., CANADA

Well, Mark, you can see now that Matt has been spiritually cleansed. As to your other point, check out AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #277. Peter does actually go to visit Matt in this issue. See if you can get your hands on it.

Dear Sims,

When I was about four years old, my mother bought me a comic to keep me quiet during a shopping trip in downtown Providence, Rhode Island. I immediately started reading it. The comic was FANTASTIC FOUR #1, and I was completely enthralled by it.

It has been twenty-five years, and my association with comics has waxed and waned and now, after a twelve-year hiatus, seems to be waxing again. I am glad that I have returned to the realm of comics. You seem to be in a new golden age, and I'm glad to be part of it.

I have a list of about ten favorite books in the realm of novels which directly affect the human heart and mind. These books hold up the worth of human beings, and show

courage in the face of adversity. One title will be dropped from that list to make room for the set of DAREDEVILS which comprise the current battle of good vs. evil between Daredevil and the Kingpin. I have already given the reading of this series to my students as an extra credit course in my classes.

Not to mention the unpleasantness in my personal life of the past year, suffice it to say that I read DAREDEVIL #229 at a time when I couldn't need light reading more. Yet, as seems always the case with a truly fine creative work, at some point you realize that the thing which sets it apart from the ordinary is its ability to be great without your noticing it immediately.

The previous issues leading up to the latest one were all very good, if depressing. They all showed the Kingpin as a powerful and awesome, yet lonely and tragic man. He is the embodiment of the implacable foe, his greatest pleasure in life being the reduction of other human beings to his level, that of the moral cipher.

Daredevil's disintegration and bewilderment, horrible though they were, could be seen at least partly as the cause of his own inability to ask for help. He does have a lot of pride, but he really should find some way to help himself. The ending of the story showed his salvation. Of that, I am happy.

Good men are more easily destroyed than broken, and nothing good every really dies. This is what lent the sweet and overpowering sense of rebirth to the final line: "... That a man without hope, is a man without fear." I have read nothing in comics, and few things anywhere else, that affected me as strongly as did that. I have read quite a lot, too, thank you.

I hope very much that DAREDEVIL remains at its current level of excellence. In the last ten lines of the story, you showed your greatness. Your story rings with the sound of a background orchestra, and it puts every other crime story to shame. Best of all, though, it makes Daredevil not only the kind of man that you would like to meet, but the kind you can almost expect to see swing by, out of the corner of your eye. It reminds us that the world is full of Daredevils and Matt Murdocks, and people like them. And Kingpins, too, one must admit, but there is little doubt as to the preferable company. Thank you.

Don Hawthorne
(No address given)

Thanks for your comments, Don. For a different look at good and evil and how they can pull at a person's soul, check out ELEKTRA, a 6-issue Limited Series from EPIC COMICS. It's written by Frank Miller and painted by Bill Sienkiewicz, so you know it's going to be an intense graphic experience! And it's on sale now at your favorite comics shop!

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